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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**Luke Mankin & Bryan McKersie**      )  
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Serial No. **09/940,550**                      ) Art Unit: **1638**  
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Filed: **August 27, 2001**                      ) Examiner: **David Fox**  
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For: **SELF-EXCISING POLYNUCLEOTIDES**      )  
      **AND USES THEREOF**                      )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2003, a response which is due September 6, 2003, without an extension of time. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **September 8, 2003**.

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